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HINTS OF VALUE.

Philately, like all other studies and hobbies, has its technical terms or expressions, the exact meaning of which is confusing not only to the beginner but to the more advanced student. We use the words studies and student for the reason that without we study our stamps they give us but little, if any pleasure, and it is as one gathering together so many pieces of coloured paper, in fact collectors are often chided with this false idea. The mere collecting of stamps of various values and countries to see the thousands of varieties that can be obtained in the shortest possible period, is not the aim of a true philatelist.

He desires to know when the stamp was issued, for what purpose it was intended, the number issued, number sold and what was done with the remainder, this is not all, the paper, perforation, issue or re-issue. impression, watermark, and even the printer, are vital points to him; the same of bi-coloured stamps, surchrages, and why a stamp of certain value is changed from one colour to another These things only start the ball rolling, we find him eager to learn, making enquiries regarding the natives, habits, customs, climate, industries, products, animal and vegetable life of the countries represented by these stamps.

But to return to our subject, which is a short explanation of some of the terms used by collectors. It is to the young beginner we would address our remarks, to the advanced there may be nothing new. We commence with

1st. Paper. That we all know the meaning of the word paper, cannot be denied, but how many can tell us its composition, varieties or methods of manufacture. The art of paper making like all other arts has changed with the advance of time from the old method of hand to the modern large and powerful paper mills installed with the best and latest machinery. Paper, a substance in thin sheets. is composed of various fibres, of which wood, straw, rice, manila, cotton

and linen waste are the principal.

These fibres are reduced to a pulp by various processes, such as beating, grinding, boiling, etc. according to the fibres used. The pulp is run into fine sieves which retain the pulp, while allowing the liquid to pass through. These sieves are of various designs, and from its texture the many grades of paper take their name. Size or glue and colouring are added to give the desired finish. (The first blue paper was the result of over colouring and was placed on the market as an inferior article, but so great was the demand that it was withdrawn, and afterwards sold for a high figure.)

The finishing process is done by passing the pulp through heated rollers smooth or otherwise, and by this means the thickness and appearance of the paper is obtained.

As we said before, the style or make of these sieves determine the texture of the paper. We give the term with short explanation and style of sieve used.

Silk. One or more silk threads passing thro or with short fibres impressed into the body of paper.

Silk (granite) Silk fibres are smaller but in larger quantities worked into the body of the paper.

Wove (blanket) An even form of texture throughout, showing no light or dark figures or dots when held to light. Style of sieve, blanket or other close substance.

Wove [wire] When held to light shows light points or dots. Style of sieve fine wire

Laid. Laid paper when held to the light shows alternate light and dark lines the same distance apart on the same sheet of paper. Style of sieve fine paralel wires.

Baton (wove) Heavy light lines at an even distance apart, but with even texture or showing light dots between. Style of sieve, heavy wires far apart, with fine wire or blanket between.

Baton (laid) Fine lines show between the heavier lines. Style of sieve, heavy wires far apart with fine wire between.

Quadrille. Lines show in form of squares. Style of sieve, wire in squares.

Quadrille (oblong) Lines form rectangles. Style of sieve wire in rectangles.

Wavy. Showing wavy lines style of sieve, wire in wavy design.

Pelure paper. Very thin semi-transparent paper may be wove or laid

Manilla. Made from hemp or manilla fibres and is of cheap quality, may be laid or wove.

Double paper. Double paper is made by pasting a thin sheet on a heavier one. Gold-beater's skin has also been used.

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MONEY IN STAMPS.

Most of our readers, even the moderate advanced collector have little if any idea of the enormous amount invested in stamps, or of the vast armv of collectors that is ever on the increase. Nor are these recruits confined to our youthful population, the old as well as the young, the rich as well as the poor are alike fascinated by the charms of philately, Stamp collecting is conducteb as a hobby and as a business and eaeh section has its ardent supporters.

To estimate the amount of capital invested in this hobby would be next to impossible when one considers that the larger private collections rangefrom $1,000 to $1,000 000 in value, while the capital invested in stocks of dealers is beyond calculation. One firm alone carrying over $500,000 worth of the scraps of paper. Auction sales are held at regular periods the world over by large firms that do nothing else, and it is astonishing the keenness that is shown where stamps of rarety are offered. We could give hundreds of examples but only quote a few. A Saxony stamp of 1851, error of paper, realized £56, one penny blue Cape of Good Hope £30, Canada 12p. black £40. Canada 10d. blue on thin paper £5 10.

Certain stamps are ever on the increase in value, nor are they likely to do otherwise. for the ever increasiug influx of collectors causing a demand for all classes of stamps. Stamps which a few years age could be bought for a trifle, to day are worth from fifty to one hundred dollars, while rarcties which are continually coming to light are eagerly sought after and bring prices almost beyond expectation.

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COINS.

The honor of the invention of money was claimed in ancient times for the Lydians and for Pheidon of Argos. The developement of money coined by the state from the use of metals by weight and by private coinage is generally set for the seventh century B. C. The claims of the Lydians and of the Pheidon of Argos were so well sustained, even within a few centuries of that time, that the lexicographer Pollux, who drew his data from the best sources, including mauy authors who are now lost, and used it in a careful manner, declared that it was very difficult to settle the question to whom belonged the real credit. The difficnlty of the problem has not diminished with the lapse of more than twenty centnries, but some additional light has been thrown upon it by comparisons of coins and ancient monuments. Lenormant reaches the conclusion that the stamping of money took place independently in both countries, but that in Lydia it was gold money and in Aegina, where Pheidon was supposed to have executed the first coinage, it was silver money. The money of Aegina was in the shape of a turtle, the pieces weighing a little less than 12 grains, and differed from the oval bars of bullion previously used only by some rough stamping. The Lydian money was of a similar shape but less elongated and was made in part of electi um.

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15 " "	.03
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100 " "	.90
14 " Sweden	.02
30 " "	.10
10 " Canada	.01
25 " "	.10
40 " "	.60
40 " Argentine	.40
8 " Hawaii	.20
16 " "	.65
*25c 1893 "	.70
*1oc " " blk	.25
10 diff. Luxemburg	.06
15 " "	.20
*3 " Samoa	.06
*5 " "	.15
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100 " So. Amer.	.45
10 " Uruguay	.07
20 " "	.25
40 " "	1.00
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6 " " 1905	.15
*5 " " 1904	.40
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*8 " Liberia	.20
*19 " "	.65
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50c. " 1903	.05
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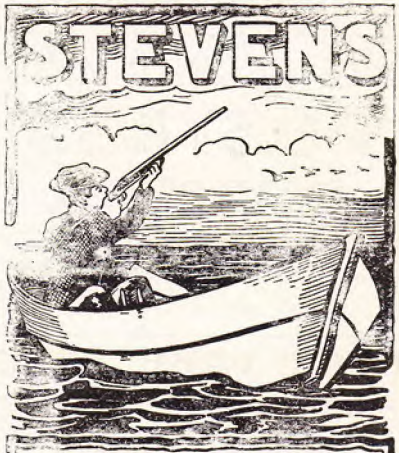

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